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Remarks

In this response, Claims 6, 8, 9, 11-16, and 21 are pending and stand rejected. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's thoughtful reconsideration.

It is initially noted that the Examiner misconstrued the Applicant's arguments filed March 2, 2006. The Examiner contends that "Applicant's only argument differentiating the Wolff reference from Applicant's own claim language boils down to Applicant's belief that Wolff does not teach driver/server/printer communication via an Intranet and an Internet." This is a gross oversimplification and is simply not true.

Claim 21 recites "the information for printing the document being communicated from the document retrieval system **to the network printer via the intranet and the Internet** with the document being printed at the network printer." Claim 11 recites "a document retrieval system communicatively coupled with the intranet, said document retrieval system being configured to receive document reference information corresponding to a document to be printed and printer information corresponding to **a network printer that is coupled to the intranet via the Internet**."

The Applicant's arguments of March 2, 2006 do not "boil down" to a "belief" that Wolff fails to teach communication via an "Intranet and an internet." Instead that Applicant argued, with respect to Claim 21, that Wolff failed to teach or suggest a method in which **information for printing the document is communicated from the document retrieval system to the network printer via the intranet and the Internet**. With respect to Claim 11, the Applicant argued that Wolff failed to teach or suggest a **document retrieval system communicatively coupled with the intranet that is configured to receive document reference information corresponding to a document to be printed and printer information corresponding to a network printer that is coupled to the intranet via the Internet**.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC §103

Claims 6, 11-13, 15, 16, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over USPN 6,738,841 issued to Wolff. Of these, Claims 21 and 11 are independent. Claim 6 depends from Claim 21 and Claims 12, 13, 15, and 16 depend from Claim 11.

Claim 21 is directed to a method for remotely printing a document and, as amended, recites the following.

1. communicatively coupling a personal digital assistant (PDA) to an intranet, the intranet providing access to document reference information corresponding to documents available for printing;
2. storing the document reference information with the PDA;
3. retrieving printer information corresponding to a network printer using the PDA, the network printer being configured to communicatively coupled with the intranet via the Internet, wherein the printer information includes a network address for the network printer; and
4. communicating, from the PDA, the printer information and the document reference information corresponding to a document to be printed to a document retrieval system located on the intranet such that, responsive thereto, information for printing the document is communicated to the network printer without further use of the PDA, the information for printing the document being communicated from the document retrieval system to the network printer via the intranet and the Internet with the document being printed at the network printer.

Wolff teaches a printer (250) that includes a print server (255) that is also referred to as a printer driver (255). Wolff, col. 5, line 33 through col. 6, line 6. The printer driver/server (255) is built in or otherwise directly coupled to printer (250) as can be seen in Wolff Figures 2 and 9 reproduced below. See also Wolff, col. 9, lines 1-6.

FIG. 2

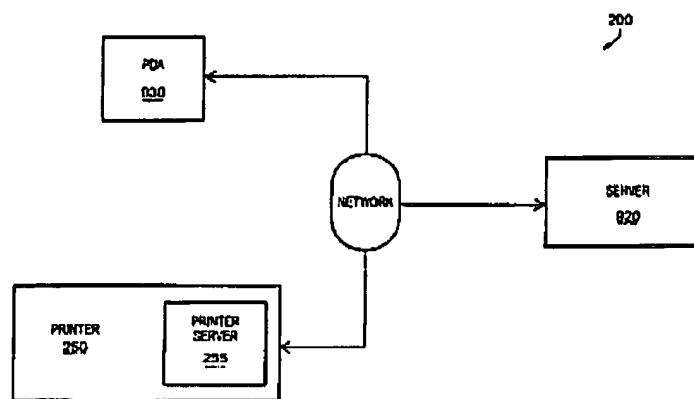
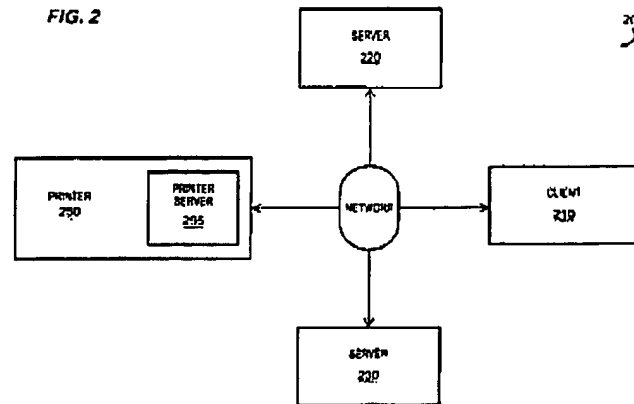


FIG. 9

The Examiner mistakenly equates Wolff's printer server (255) with the document retrieval system recited in Claim 21. Because Wolff's printer server (255) is integrated within or directly coupled to Wolff's printer (250). Wolff's printer server (255) **DOES NOT** communicate information for printing the document to the Wolff's printer (250) via the **Intranet and the Internet**. There is no indication that the printer server (255) even communicates with the printer via an Intranet as Wolff's figures only show the printer server (255) as being integrated within the printer (250). The Applicant respectfully asks the Examiner

to answer why would Wolff's printer server (255) communicate with the printer (250) via an Intranet **AND** the Internet when the printer server (255) is either directly coupled to or integrated within the printer (250).

Consequently, Wolff fails to teach or suggest a method that includes communicating, from the PDA, the printer information and the document reference information corresponding to a document to be printed to a document retrieval system located on the intranet such that, responsive thereto, information for printing the document is communicated to the network printer without further use of the PDA, the information for printing the document being communicated from the document retrieval system to the network printer via the intranet and the Internet with the document being printed at the network printer.

For at least these reasons, Claim 21 is patentable over Wolff as are Claims 6, 8, and 9 which depend from Claim 21.

Claim 11 is directed to a print system for use with an intranet where the intranet is configured to store information corresponding to documents available for printing. As amended, Claim 11 recites the following elements.

1. a document retrieval system communicatively coupled with the intranet, said document retrieval system being configured to receive document reference information corresponding to a document to be printed and printer information corresponding to a network printer that is coupled to the intranet via the Internet and, in response thereto, provide print information corresponding to the document to be printed to the network printer via the Internet such that the network printer prints the document; and
2. a remote print request system configured to communicatively couple with said document retrieval system, said remote print request system being further configured to retrieve printer information corresponding to the network printer, the printer information including a network address for the network printer, to receive document reference information corresponding to documents available for printing via the intranet, store the document reference information remotely from the intranet, enable

selection by a user of a document to be printed, and provide the printer information and the document reference information corresponding to a document selected to be printed to said document retrieval system such that the document retrieval system communicates the information corresponding to the document to the network printer without further use of the remote print request system.

To summarize, Claim 11 recites a system capable of implementing the method of Claim 21. Claim 11 recites a document retrieval system that is on an intranet remote from a network printer. That is, the printer is connected to the intranet via the Internet. To print a document, the document retrieval system is configured to receive printer information for the network printer and document reference information for the document to be printed. The document retrieval system is configured to communicate information corresponding to the document to be printed to the network printer via the intranet and the Internet.

To reiterate, the Examiner is apparently equating Wolff's printer driver/server (255) with the document retrieval system recited in Claim 21. As with Claim 21, this is simply not a valid comparison as Wolff's printer driver/server (255) does not communicate with Wolff's printer (250) via an intranet and the Internet. For at least the same reasons, Claim 21 is patentable over Wolff as are Claim 11 and Claims 12-16 which depend from Claim 11.

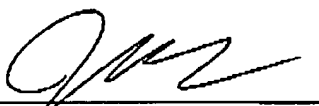
CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC §103

Claims 8, 9, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over USPN 6,738,841 issued to Wolff in view of US Pub. 2002/0085515 to Jaynes. Claims 8 and 9 depend from Claim 21 and Claim 14 depends from Claim 11. For at least the same reasons Claims 21 and 11 are patentable so are Claims 8, 9, and 14.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 6, 8, 9, 11-16, and 21 define allowable subject matter. The Examiner is requested to indicate the allowability of all pending claims in the application and to pass the application to issue.

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